Practices (GMP), Good Hygienic Practices (GHP) etc. by the food processing industries. Setting up/upgradation of Quality Control Laboratories are also assisted *inter alia* to ensure compliance with National food Standards.

Import of processed food items

5. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that import of processed food items is adversely affecting indigenous food processing industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of those Indian companies which are using brand name of foreign companies for their processed food Items; and

(d) the action taken, if any, against such companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) Import of processed principal commodities (processed vegetables, processed fruits and juices and miscellaneous processed items) was Rs. 664.24 crore for 2003-04, which increased to Rs. 673.84 crores in 2004-05 and Rs. 765.12 crores in the year 2005-06 (April - February). The share of agricultural import of the total national import during 2005-06 was 3.33%. The corresponding export ratio of agricultural export to the total national export was 10.95%. Indian exports of agricultural products have shown growth. The export and import of agricultural products durign the last three years is as follows:

Value (Rs. in crores)

Year	Export	Import
2003-04	37267	21973
2004-05	41603	22812
2005-06	49803	21035

The above data shows that the import of processed food items constitute a small part of estimated domestic market of value added processed food of Rs. 1,80 000 crores out of overall food market of

Rs. 8,60,000 crores per annum. Further, certain processed food import like fruit juice concentrates are used by Indian industries as raw material for their domestic products.

With regard to branding of imported food products, it is governed by the provisions of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 under the administrative control of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Further, brand names and trade marks are governed by the Trade Mark Act, 1999 under the administrative control of Ministry of Commerce & Industry. There is no restriction of using brand name of foreign companies by domestic companies, subject to the entering into Registered Users Agreement. This Ministry has not received any complaint about misuse of brand name of foreign companies.

Percentage of school going children

†6.SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been brought out in Are annual status report regarding education that there has been no change in the percentage of school going children in the age group of 6-14 years in the country during the last two years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to bring change in the percentage of children in the lower age group; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD.ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) 2006 is brought out by an NGO namely PRATHAM. The estimated enrolment of children in the 6-14 years age group as per the ASER 2006 is more or less the same as reported in ASER2005.

The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan had, however, conducted an independent survey in July-August 2005 which brought out that 1.34 crore children

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.